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TECHNOLOGY MISSION OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for modernisation of market yard and ginning and pressing factories under Cotton Technology Mission (TMC) and achievements made during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the achievements in comparison to the targets are not satisfactory;

(c) if so , the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): No separate year-wise targets have been fixed for the development of market yards and modernization of G&P factories. However, the original target for Development of Market Yards under Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) (Mini Mission −III) launched in February 2000 was 111. Against this target, 108 Market Yards have been completed by the end of the March 2007 (i.e. Xth Plan). The achievement is thus 97.29% of the original target. Similarly, the original target for Modernization of Ginning & Pressing Factories under Mini Mission −IV was 500, against which development of 544 market yards have been completed till the end of the Xth Five Year Plan. Thus achievement under Mini Mission − IV is 107% against the original target. Taking into account the fast pace of the achievements of the target and satisfactory progress of Mini Mission −III & IV the Government of India in June, 2005 thought it prudent to revise and thereby increase the original targets to Development of 250 Market Yards and Modernization of 1000 G& P factories. At the time of revising the target under TMC (MM- III & IV), it was well envisaged that this revised target would spill over to the XIth Plan period. Thus it will not be correct to say that the achievements in comparison to the targets have not been satisfactory. As on today against the revised target, 226 Market Yards have been sanctioned and 907 G& P factories have been sanctioned. The achievement of the revised targets in terms of number of project sanctioned is 90.40% in case of MM-III and 90.70% in case of MM-VI. As modernization of market yard and G& P factories have a long gestation period, it is expected that the project will be completed in the first two years of the XIth Plan period.

(d): The Government is adopting various measures to expedite the achievement of revised targets set under MM-III and MM-IV. These are: -

Collection of progress reports

State-wise reviews of Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs)

Physical and financial review by Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi

Review by Board of Directors of Cotton Corporation of India Ltd.

Holding of Implementation Committee meetings

Meetings with the Directors of Agriculture Marketing of the States to review the progress of their work sanctioned under TMC project

Follow − up action regarding time bound achievements of the targets.

Encouraging the State Government to submit more proposals so that in case of cancellation of any particular project due to unforeseen reasons, there will be alternative projects to rely upon by the Implementation Committee.

Effective monitoring of the project through a series of institutional measures.